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1. I HAD A CHANCE LAST NIGHT AT DINNER TO TALK WITH
DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN ABOUT THE QUESTION OF
SETTING A FIRM WITHDRAWAL DATE; INDEED, HE RAISED
THE SUBJECT WITH ME WHEN WE FIRST MET. HE SAID
THAT HE WAS "PRETTY CERTAIN" THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE

TO SET A DATE BY THE MIDDLE OF THE COMING WEEK.
HE SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS OF UNIFIL'S
EFFORTS, AND SHOWED SIGNS OF HAVING TALKED TO PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN AFTER MY SESSION WITH BEGIN (REF B).
WEIZMAN SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO TELL ME AT THIS POINT
WHAT DATE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE, BUT HE
STRONGLY HINTED THAT IT WOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN THE
VICINITY OF JUNE 15. WHEN I ASKED HIM HOW THE MEETING
BETWEEN HADAD AND THE UNIFIL REPRESENTATIVE HAD GONE
HE INDICATED THAT IT HAD BEEN REASONABLY SATISFACTORY
AND THAT HE WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAT RELATIONSHIPS
WOULD BE WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY BETWEEN UNIFIL AND
THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN THE ENCLAVE. LEWIS

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